



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Aldo Marra, et al.)	Date: February 3, 2004
Application No.: 10/624,792)	Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: July 22, 2003)	Examiner: Unknown
For: Portable Door Lock)	Attorney Ref. No.: 126.01

*Declaration of Aldo Marra in Support of
Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License*

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I, Aldo Marra, am one of the inventors and applicants in the above-referenced Patent Application. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge, and could and would competently testify to these matters if called upon to do so:

1. My domestic patent counsel, Daniel P. Maguire, filed the above-referenced application on July 22, 2003.

2. In December 2003, I was traveling in Britain on a social visit, and while there, I retained the firm of Brookes Batchellor LLP in Turnbridge Wells, UK, to file foreign patent applications for me. At that time, I had not informed my domestic patent lawyer that I would be retaining foreign counsel to make foreign filings. I hired Brookes Batchellor to file a PCT application for me, which it did, on or about December 29, 2003. I understand that it filed this application with the World Intellectual Property organization.

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3. At the time I made this filing, I was unaware of the requirements for a foreign filing license, and I made this foreign filing in ignorance of this law. Also, I have received no indication that the present application, which concerns portable door locks, is under any secrecy order.

4. I first notified my domestic counsel that I had retained foreign counsel to file an international application during the week of January 26, 2004. Therefore, this Petition is being submitted promptly after I first learned of the need for a foreign filing license.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and these United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 2/6/04, 2004, at Davis, California.


Aldo Marra